



STS joins African Utility Week as industry partner and presents KMC workshop at expo

"Get us a meter for the African market"

The global prepaid meter standards industry organisation, STS (Standard Transfer Specification), has joined the leading power and water conference and trade expo **African Utility Week** as an industry partner. STS will hold its AGM during the event in Cape Town in May and also run a free technical workshop on its improved KMC (Key Management Centre) features.

Franco Pucci, technical advisor for the STS Association says "the interest in the STS specification in and beyond South Africa continues to increase as the industry pursues electrifying many millions of home. Our innovative edge has been the cornerstone of the success of prepayment in South Africa over the past 20 years, and, since its inception in this country, all over the world. Our working groups have been working on the requirements for the new KMC (Key Management Centre), which will be launched at African Utility Week 2016."

He adds: "the new KMC has many advanced features from high vending key security using state of art algorithms, to easier coding of security modules and it also supports key rollover. The new KMC has reduced risk when it comes to key validity period, which will assist in reducing the occurrence of ghost vendors."

Metering a vital component of event

"**African Utility Week's** 17 year history has its roots in the metering sector" says event director Evan Schiff, "and it is still a very vital component to our conference and trade expo. We are therefore delighted to welcome prepayment pioneers STS as official industry partners to our event. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship and invite all metering professionals to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from the best during the free workshops on the expo floor from 17-19 May."

Some 40% of the African Utility Week trade expo is dedicated to the latest metering technology and services on offer to African power and water utilities.

STS's Franco Pucci would like to see a meter specifically made for African conditions. He explains: "the industry is aiming way too high for what we need right now. Fix the glaring problems first. Get us a meter for the African market and the rest of the world will follow."

About African Utility Week

The 16th **African Utility Week and Clean Power Africa** conference and trade exhibition takes place at the CTICC in Cape Town from 17-19 May 2016 – gathering some 6000 engineers, stakeholders and solution providers from around the globe.

The event will feature 250 exhibitors, 250 speakers, a six stream strategic conference, a

free-to-attend technical conference on the expo floor, three high-profile keynote sessions, technical site visits and the coveted industry awards gala dinner. The **African Utility Week Industry Awards** also include categories for African Water Executive and Water Utility of the Year where pioneering water utilities and innovative projects for saving water are recognised and celebrated.

The trade exhibition will be free when registering in advance and showcase water and energy saving technologies and services for the industry and feature hands-on demonstrations and CPD-accredited technical workshops on the exhibition floor.

About STS

The Standard Transfer Specification (STS) has become recognised as the only globally accepted open standard for prepayment systems, ensuring inter-operability between system components from different manufacturers of prepayment systems. It has become established as a worldwide standard for the transfer of electricity prepayment tokens since its introduction in South Africa in 1993 and subsequent publication by the International Electrotechnical Commission as the IEC62055 series of specifications.

<http://www.sts.org.za/>

African Utility Week and Clean Power Africa are organised by Spintelligent, leading Cape Town-based trade exhibition and conference organiser, and the African office of Clarion Events Ltd, based in the UK. The event forms part of a global energy event series, including European Utility Week, Australian Utility Week, Asian Utility Week and Latin American Utility Week. Other African flagship events in Spintelligent's power portfolio are East African Power Industry Convention (EAPIC), West African Power Industry Convention (WAPIC), iPAD Rwanda Power & Mining Investment Forum and iPAD Cameroon Energy & Infrastructure Forum.

Dates for African Utility Week and Clean Power Africa 2016:

Conference and expo: 17-19 May 2016

Awards gala dinner: 18 May 2016

Site visits: 20 May 2016

Location: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

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